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**Title : METAL-CHELATED NUCLEIC ACID BINDING
PEPTIDES FOR IN VIVO DETECTION AND
THERAPY OF DISEASE**

Docket No. : 5157.002

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the restriction made in the official action mailed October 3, 2003. Applicants hereby elect claims 1-2, 6-7, 21 and 25-29 of Group I. The election is made without traverse.

Listing of the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.